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Waterfront Mall Plans

Summarized by Meg Brinckman,
SWNA secretary

“Waterfront Associates initially plans to develop 400,000 sq. ft. of residential space. The total residential space will increase to 800,000 sq. ft. when NCRC/RLARC develops the northeast corner. They plan 75,000 sq. ft. of ground level retail along both sides of the re-opened 4th Street, as well as 1.6 million sq. ft. of office space. The increase in residential will mean up to 650-700 units, 20% of which will be designated “affordable”. Ms. Budoff described “affordable” as aimed at persons having an income of \$19,000 to \$41,000 per year. The agreement for retail space requires that 35% of the

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Candidate's Bios

Candidate for President

Marge Maceda has been president of SWNA for the past two years and served as a district representative for SWNA in 2001. She is a Special Education Coordinator at Van Ness Elementary School and has taught a class for welfare-to-work mothers. She has taught classes at South-eastern University in SW. She sits on the Mayor's Advisory Committee for Early Childhood and on the Mayor's State Advisory Panel for Special Education where she is the Chair of the legislative and Policy committee and chair of the Operations and Management committee. She is a member of the Mayor's Neighborhood Action Team.

Candidate for Vice President

Tom Heinemann “I have been fortunate to serve as a representative from

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The Anacostia Waterfront Corporation – RFP

The following is a Request for Proposals, RFP called “Rediscovering the Anacostia River The Anacostia Waterfront Corporation Grant Program”. They are seeking community-based programs designed to connect children and youth between five (5) and twenty-four (24) years of age to the Anacos-

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City Year Youth Corps at Work in DC



City Year Washington, DC corps member and DC native, Shaunice Alston, creates a bright and inviting “book nook” area at Bowen Elementary School.

City Year Washington, DC, a proud member of the AmeriCorps network, unites a diverse group of 17 to 24 year-olds for a year of full-time, team-based community service. At the Open House which was at their headquarters at 918 U St., NW, many of the young members spoke about why they joined City Year Washington, DC. The overwhelming response was “to give back to the community.” City Year Washington, DC is one of fifteen City

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Square 0654: 1401 – 1415 Half St

“Sanitary Housing” built-by the Dean of Architects

By Vanessa Ruffin-Colbert

Appleton Prentiss Clark Jr., (1865 – 1955) was a native Washingtonian. Following his graduation from high school he remained at Central

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Banneker Memorial Group Commemorates Ten Year Anniversary with a Who's Who Salute to Dr. Dorothy Height.

Washington Interdependence Council (WIC) founded in 1996, is a 501 C3, non-profit civic organization authorized by Congress to erect a monument to colonial American hero Benjamin Banneker (1731-1806).

WIC has made strides in its bid to honor Banneker with a memorial. In 1998 President Clinton signed into law legislation (P.L. 105-355) authorizing WIC to move towards establishing a monu-

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Dorothy Height, SW Resident is going to be honored Feb. 24, 2006

Next SWNA Meeting: Feb. 27

The next Meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, SWNA, is February 27th at 7:30. It will be held at St. Augustine's, 6th & M St.s, SW. The theme of the meeting will be Black History Month. Speakers include Roger Wilkins and Cissy Marshall (Mrs. Thurgood Marshall). Anthony Bowen School will participate. Refreshments provided by Thelma Jones.

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SWNA March Elections

New officers and board members of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly will be elected at the elections held on Saturday, March 25th at Waterfront Mall, 401 M St. from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. SW officers will be elected by all of the voters. District representatives are elected only by residents of the individual districts. Find your district on the map which will be at the elections.

D.C. Libraries, Navy Yard Metro, college Tuition Assistance In Bush Budget

By Dale MacIver

Funds for the college tuition assistant grant program will be \$35 million, Congresswoman Norton said. That program has increased college attendance for D.C. students by one-third.

President George W. Bush's budget for 2006-7 includes \$20 million to upgrade the Navy Yard Metro station and \$30 million for improvements to the city's library system, according to Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC).

“With...7,000 employees coming to the new Department of Transportation headquarters near the proposed baseball stadium and thousands more federal workers to be added to the Naval Sea Systems Command at the Navy Yard...” the funds for the Metro station are critical, according to Congresswoman Norton.

“The \$30 million for improvements to the city's library system gives the District a critical head start it will need at a time when it has had to focus first and foremost on improving schools,” Norton said.

ANC (Advisory Neighborhood Commission) and SWNA (Southwest Neighborhood Assembly) Explained

By Gottlieb Simon,

The SWNA (Southwest Neighborhood Assembly) is a private, non-profit citizens organization. All adult Southwest residents are automatically members and may vote for officers and members of the board of directors in privately sponsored elections each March. At-large, representatives are chosen from each of the four quadrants of Southwest, as divided by M Street, 4th Street, and Delaware Avenue. Monthly community meetings give the community information. The SWNA meets the fourth Monday each month (except in July or August). Meetings are announced in the Southwester and on local bulletin boards.

Task Forces and committees work to further the mission of the SWNA, which is to conduct charitable and educational activities in the community. The Scholarship Committee of SWNA has assisted more than 200 neighborhood youths over the past 31 years. Last year, 11 students were given over \$6000 in direct assistance. The Youth Activities Task Force of SWNA supports several major youth programs in the neighborhood. YTAf sponsors a Safe Sitter program, a summer basketball tournament, a summer swimming, and bowling program. The Southwester newspaper publishes monthly and has a circulation of 8,000.

The SWNA's website www.swdc.org, contains more information about the organization and its programs, as well as their annual report.

The ANC is a non-partisan, neighborhood organization made up of locally elected representatives called Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners. They are elected at regular city elections on even numbered years for two-year terms and serve without pay. ANCs were established to bring government closer to the people,

and to bring the people closer to government. In addition to providing residents with a greater say in the matters that affect their neighborhoods, ANCs were intended to end the duplication of effort caused by the proliferation of special citizen advisory groups.

Citywide, there are 37 ANCs. Each ANC area is subdivided into a number of smaller areas. Since only one commissioner is elected per district, the districts are called single member districts (SMDs). Each SMD consists of about 2,000 people. ANC 6D includes 6 SMDs of near Southwest (zip code 20024) and one SMD along M St., SE past the Navy Yard.

Although the ANCs have little formal power, their primary responsibility is to be the neighborhood's official voice in advising the District government (and federal agencies) on things that affect their neighborhoods. District law says that agencies cannot take any action that will affect a neighborhood unless they give the appropriate ANC 30 days advance notice. This includes actions on zoning, streets, recreation, education, social services, sanitation, planning, safety and health. The ANCs also initiate recommendations for improving city services, conduct neighborhood improvement programs, and monitor resident complaints. For more information or to request time on the agenda to present a concern or problem to the ANC, call 554-1795. The ANC meets the 2nd Monday of each month (except in November and December, it's the 3rd Monday) at 7:00 p.m. located at the Millennium Arts Center at 65 "I" (Eye) Street, S.W. The ANC website address is www.anc6d.wdcnet.net.

Why do we have an ANC and SWNA?

They have different mandates. SWNA can initiate lawsuits, but ANCs, according to law, cannot. On the other hand, government agencies must give "great weight" to ANCs but not necessarily to other neighborhood groups. Given their complementary strengths and weaknesses, the ANC and the SWNA work closely to protect and further the interests of the Southwest neighborhood.

Southwest Community Calendar February - March 2006

MONTHLY

- MON. FEB. 27**, SWNA Public meeting, St. Augustine's, 6h & M St., SW 7:30
TUES. MAR. 7, Citizens Advisory Council, Police Hdqtrs., 415-4th St., SW, 7 pm
MON., MAR. 13, ANC Monthly meeting, Millennium Arts Center, 65 I St., SW, 7 pm
THURS. MAR 16, Police PSA public meeting, Town Square Towers, 700 - 7TH St., 7 pm
SAT. MAR 18, Breakfast at Christ United Methodist Church, 4th & I St., SW, 9-11 am
SAT. MAR. 25, SWNA Elections, WM Safeway, 401 M St., 10 - 3pm
MON. MAR 27, SWNA Annual Public meeting, St. Augustine's, 7th & M St., SW 7:30
WED. MAR 29, River Park Friends Annual Meeting, 1311 Delaware Ave., SW, South Commons Room, 7:30 pm

WEEKLY, BI-WEEKLY

- KOMEN TOASTMASTERS** - First & Third Sat., S.W. Library, 10 am.
FIL-AM TOASTMASTERS - Second & Fourth Wed., S.W. Library, 6:15 pm
SCHOOL ST. TOASTMASTERS - Every Tues., 400 Virginia Ave. S.W., Room 888 - noon
WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTORS Club - First & Third Wed., Christ United Methodist Church, 300 block of I (Eye) St. S.W., 7 pm 202-291-6229
S.W. KIWANIS - First & Third Mon., Christ United Methodist Church, 4th & I St. S.W., 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
NEW SOUTHWEST TOASTMASTERS - Every Wed. GSA Bldg - 7th & D St. S.W., Room 5009 (inside cafeteria), noon.
LABYRINTH WALK - First & Third Wed., Westminster Church, 4th & I St., SW, 7 pm

Please submit calendar items for the next issue by Wed., March 8.

Letter to the Editor The Challenges of Moving to DC

By Carolyn G. Mitchell

When I arrived in Washington, DC and realize that the governmental structure is like none other. There is the SWNA, the ANC, the NCRC, Wards, Districts, and City Council. What does this mean, what are their functions, who is on the board, who reports to whom and how do they all work together? I attended the January SWNA meeting, where there were reports on the Waterfront Mall, the baseball stadium and things going on with the various living quarters. There I also met Carole Early and Thelma Jones, who were very helpful in answering all my questions. I was also directed to the SWDC website which has a wealth of information. New to DC and have lots of questions the SWNA meeting is the place to get answers, meet people and to get involve where you live.

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10 Years At Westminster for Reverend Brian and Reverend Ruth

By Dale MacIver

Co-pastors Rev. Brian Hamilton and Rev. Ruth Hamilton have completed ten years of service at Westminster Presbyterian Church on I (Eye) St. S.W.

Celebrations have included a Sunday service of the congregation on Feb. 5, a special night at Friday Night Jazz at the church Feb. 10, and a 10th Anniversary Party on Feb. 18.

The Hamiltons were associate pastors of separate churches in Detroit before coming to Washington as co-pastors at Westminster.

Special SWNA Antiques & Collectibles Donors

By Jean Macdonald

When compiling a list of donors, names are often omitted. The staff at the Southwester was guilty of this and thanks to some sharp eyes who noticed the omissions; we would like to make amends. Special thanks, as well as our apologies goes out to:

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Synagogue News

All Southwest residents are cordially invited to attend services at the Hill Havurah, an independent Jewish fellowship, which meets at Christ Our Shepherd Church, 801 North Carolina Ave., SE. The Hill Havurah holds Shabbat services at 6:45 p.m. on the third Friday of each month, followed by a pot-luck dinner. For more information on the Hill Havurah, check www.hillhavurah.org or email: hillhavurah@aol.com.

The Life And Legacy Of Dr. Martin Luther King: A Chronology

By Robert Marshall

His Life

01/15 1929 – Born in Atlanta, Georgia.

02/13 1957 – Elected the first president of The Southern Leadership Conference on the day that it was founded at a meeting of ministers in New Orleans, Louisiana. Later in the year, its name will be changed to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

05/17 1957 – Organized The Prayer Pilgrimage attracted a crowd of over 30,000 which was held on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC.

12/05 1957 – Awarded the NAACP's Spingarn Medal for his leadership of the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

04/03 1963 – Led the Birmingham anti-segregation campaign. Before it is over, more than 2,000 demonstrators, including King, will be arrested.

08/27 1963 – Delivered his "I Have A Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC during the 1963 March on Washington.

12/10 1964 – Awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. In his acceptance speech, he dramatically rejects racism and war and reaffirms his commitment to "unarmed truth and unconditional love." He was the youngest person to earn the award.

01/02 1965 – Led the Selma, Alabama voter registration drive. It is a major effort to get African American voters registered to vote in Alabama.

04/21 1965 – Led thousands of marchers in the completion of the first leg of a five-day freedom march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, dramatizing the

denial of voting rights for African Americans. The marchers are protected by U.S. Army troops and federalized Alabama National Guardsmen because of violence encountered earlier, including the fatal beating of a white minister, Reverend James J. Reeb.

08/06 1965 – Witnessed the signing of The Voting Rights Act by President Lyndon B. Johnson in the same room that Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation. The signing is also witnessed by Mrs. Rosa Parks and other civil rights leaders. The Act suspends the use of literary tests and calls for federal examiners to ensure fair elections in the South.

01/17 1966 – Opened his civil rights campaign in Chicago, Illinois. This marks the first time, during the civil rights movement, that the campaign takes place in a northern city.

06/07 1966 – Continued the voter registration march from Memphis, Tennessee to Jackson, Mississippi results in the registration of almost 4,000 African Americans. The march had been interrupted the previous day by the shooting of James Meredith, by a white sniper.

04/03 1968 – Delivered his famous "mountaintop" speech to a rally of striking sanitation workers.

04/04 1968 – Assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee.

04/09 1968 – Buried after funeral services at Ebenezer Baptist Church and memorial services at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia. More than 300,000 persons march behind the coffin of the slain leader which is carried through the streets of Atlanta on a farm wagon pulled

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Not sure of your district? Check this list:

District 1 North of M Street and west of 4th St, Including: Marinas on Waterfront; Marina View Towers, Waterside Towers and Townhouses, Town Square Towers and townhouses, the Commons. Capitol Square

District 2 North of M Street and east of 4th to South Capitol Street, including: 1001 and 1101 3rd St SW, 800 4th St., Capitol Park townhouses, 301 G St., 101-103 G St., 201 Eye St., Greenleaf Annex.

District 3 South of M St. and west of Delaware and Canal St and south to the Anacostia River, including: Ft. McNair, Harbour Square, Tiber Island, Edgewater, Riverside, Channel Square, River Park apartments and townhouses, Carrollsburg Condominiums and townhouses, St. James Mutual Homes.

District 4 south of M Street and east of Delaware and Canal St., including Greenleaf, Greenleaf Seniors, James Creek, Syphax Gardens, Tel-Court, and townhouses on Carrollsburg, Syphax Village Condominiums, Howison St., Half St., 1st St, 2nd St., N, O, P, and Q Streets.

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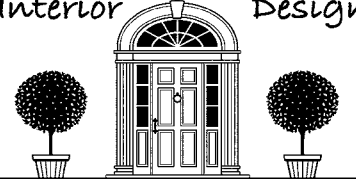
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Candidates

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District 2 on the SWNA board for the past two years. During that time I've helped bring city leaders to our community so that they can hear our concerns, and I've helped make sure that they have responded appropriately. If I am elected vice president, I will continue to work to improve the quality of life for SW residents — especially as many new development projects begin to take shape in our community."

Candidate for Secretary

Margaret (Meg) Brinkman is a SW resident since 1992. SWNA experience: Secretary 2005-2006, SWNA District 3 Representative 2002-2003 and a member

of the Waterside Mall/Waterfront Task Force. Margaret serves on several Harbour Square committees including two years as President and participates with the 4th St. Neighborhood Group.

Ellen Winship, present Treasurer. Carrollsburg Condominium, 1983-present.

Professional Experience: Senior Accountant and financial policy, OPM; formerly Director, Financial Management, Bureau of Export Administration. Non-profit: Vice President, Carrollsburg Board of Directors; Past Treasurer, Association of American Foreign Service Women

CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT ONE

Perry Klein, present District 1 representative, has been a resident of Town Square Towers Condominium, 700 Seventh Street since 1971. He is part of the team that developed and maintains SWNA's Internet Web site, www.swdc.org and is responsible for its content.

Lida Churchville has served as a District One representative for the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly since 2004. A librarian, Churchville currently manages an information research business. She has been active on SWNA's History Task Force and has worked for all renters in Southwest DC, including her neighbors in the Waterside Towers Residents Association.

CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT TWO

Ron McBee wants to make sure our neighborhood, and all of the Southwest Community, has a good seat at the table so that we can influence the decisions that we have to live with, like the community development, zoning and preservation, etc. "I support and want a "people plan" so no one or no one group is left unprotected or harmed."

CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT THREE

William J. "Bill" Brawner is a native Washingtonian, former District 3 Representative, currently President of the Board of Directors of St. James Mutual Homes,

Inc. He is the former President & Treasurer, Northwest Cooperative Homes. Bill previously volunteered for The Southwester, and is a former Business & Theater Manager of the College of Fine Arts, Howard University. His mission is building and binding a safe community.

Tom Davidson is a second-time Southwest DC resident. He is currently a Realtor®, after retiring from 32 years of Government service. Tom is a member of the Greater Capitol Area Association of Realtors®, and is licensed in Washington, DC and Virginia. He is the President of the Board of Directors for Edgewater Condominiums and an active member of SWNA.

John Hayes Came to the neighborhood when the Army sent me to Fort McNair. I have now lived in Southwest for over ten years. I started as a footloose bachelor. Today? Married, two kids, cat, dog, and a mini-van. Education: BS-United States Military Academy, MBA-American University. Maryland National Guard Officer. Day Job -I am a Research Scientist.

Carolyn G. Mitchell, Channel Square Resident works as a Landscape Architecture Awards Program Coordinator and when she is not at work she likes attending church, church conferences/seminars, a meetings/conference planner, reading,

going to movies, dinner, theatre, bowling and spending time with friends. She is new to the area, but "I am dedicated to what I commit to, A team player, A quick learner, Great organizational skills, Willing to see a project to the end, Have a listening ear and A caring heart"

CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT FOUR

Vanessa Ruffin-Colbert A Southwest, DC native who is familiar with the workings of her community, who has taken on safety issues, beautification projects, youth guidance and training activities and is a lifelong member of Second Baptist Church. An open supporter of educational programs associated with the Anacostia River and historic preservation projects she has volunteered countless hours within the Ward 6 community for development plans and issues.

She has worked closely with ANC 6A, 6C and 6D Commissioners and Boards to strengthen Ward 6.

Ken LaCruise - Three-year homeowner at Manna housing development at the historic Syphax School; former sales associate for Nordstrom who is establishing an events planning business. Lived one and half years in Switzerland and studied German. Holds a B.A. in Political Science from York University, Toronto, Canada. Born and raised in Jamaica and is a US citizen.


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Paul Pumpian, former president of the DC Federation of NARFE (National Association of Retired Federal Employees) chapters, as he was introducing Council Member Sharon Ambrose. The gathering was at Phillips Restaurant in Southwest.




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Information supplied by Shantella Sherman

Shantella Sherman is a freelance writer and her work can be seen in the Washington Afro American, The Washington Informer, the Philadelphia Tribune and Aspire magazine (UK). As a journalist she has traveled to Zimbabwe on a fact finding mission with 38 fellow journalists to meet with President Robert Mugabe. In addition she has traveled to London, Paris, Belgium, and Brussels, as well as most of the U.S. Since August 2005 she has been at the University of Nebraska and absolutely loves the History program.

Her advice to students: "Determine what it is you do and enjoy with little

effort. Make this your academic and career focus. As a kid I loved watching television shows. I watched and took note of how things were done and while in high school at Woodrow Wilson went over to WUSA and gave them notes on what I thought they could do better. A very nice executive producer, Tina Mance-Lee (instead of chucking me out onto the streets) gave me a job in programming at age fifteen! I watched episodes of their teen drama "In Our Lives" and made suggestions as a consultant. This propelled me into other journalism-related fields and I have worked successfully with little wear and tear for twenty years."

Thelma Jones in Retirement

By Carole Early

Thelma Jones who retired after 33 years at the World Bank, is not one to rest on her laurels. She continues her passion to help empower others. In November, she completed the 40-hour parent educator certification program given by Catholic Charities Institute and shortly thereafter taught her first class at the Southwest Child Development Center (SWCDC).

Inspired by her enthusiasm and previous speaking roles on parenting at the Center, SWCDC Director Maggie Lewis invited Jones to teach a series of parenting classes in 2006. Jones has been working with Director Lewis, DC Government officials and others in attempting to secure the old King Greenleaf Recreation Center as the new site for the center. Their current location at St. Matthews will end in January as a result of the church's construction work.

Jones also completed the Ferebee Enterprises International Got it Goin' On train-the-trainer seminar, which has equipped her with the tools and confidence to teach empowerment skills to adolescent girls. She is now working with the SW Youth Activities Task Force (YATF) and the new King

Greenleaf Center helping to address some of the ongoing challenges facing SW's teenage and adolescent girls. Several years ago, portions of the Got it Goin' program were taught at Jefferson JHS under the auspices of YATF and organized by Jones. The program is nationally recognized and has been featured on Oprah, in Essence Magazine, and local networks.

In December, Jones won the coveted Mary Kay Star Consultant Award and was recognized for accepting a challenge and achieving it. While climbing the ladder of success, Jones remembers to reach out to others and give back to the community. During her 15-year Mary Kay career, she has generously provided refreshments for SW Neighborhood Assembly meetings and inspired others as well. She will provide refreshments for the February (Black History) meeting and throughout 2006. She has donated door prizes, advertised in The Southwester and recruited other regular advertisers. Jones has conducted grooming sessions with SW youth using Mary Kay products as incentives.

We wish Thelma Jones good luck in her retirement and look forward to hearing more about her amazing accomplishments

DC Govt. Summer Youth Program

The D.C. Department of Employment Services began its registration drive for the summer youth employment program in January. The Washington Post reports the city hopes to sign up more than 10,000 young people for the program. It gives youth, ages 14-21, an opportunity to gain practical work experience during a six-week temporary job readiness and academic enrichment program. The deadline to register for a job is April 21. Registra-

tion is beginning two months earlier than usual to improve the matching up of youths and employment possibilities. You must be a resident of the District and have a copy of your most recent report card to be eligible. Applications are available online at <http://www.does.dc.gov/does/cwp/view,a,1232,q,625215.asp> (click "2006 Summer Youth Applications" or at the Office of Youth Programs in Northeast. You can also call (202) 698-3991 for more information.

New Author in SW

David Kipen who lives on a boat which is docked in SW, wrote a book called the Schreiber Theory. It is a radical rewrite of the American Film History. Who is more important to a film, the writer or the director? It is a good read.

Any other authors, artists, people with an exciting profession or talent who we can write about? Please call the SWNA -Southwester office telephone, 202-554-8560 and leave your name and number. Someone will get back with you.

Peace Corps Celebrates 45 Years *A Legacy of Service*

By Carole Early

One Southwest resident, Jonathan Maceda, began his Peace Corps adventure in February of 2005 and is currently serving in Fier, Albania. After a 3 month training and living with a family to master a new language, Jon will work for 18 months in a library with few books and little else.



Jonathan Maceda

Jon felt he needed to be a part of an organization that fostered programs to expand, develop and strengthen relationships with other countries. He is part of a great legacy: more than 180,000 volunteers have served all over

the world during the last 45 years. One goal of the Peace Corps is to positively affect communities at home by fostering a cross cultural understanding and respect. In this respect, Jon arranged for students at Van Ness Elementary School to correspond with the children with whom he is working.

Jon was helped by another Southwest resident, Thelma Jones who told him

about a program at the World Bank that offers free computers to people in developing areas. Jon applied and was granted 10 recycled computers to use in Albania.

Anacostia Waterfront Commission Meeting

The Anacostia Waterfront Commission will hold a Public Board Meeting on February 21, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Jefferson Junior High School, 801 - 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC

The agenda for the public meeting is as follows: 1. Introduction by Chairman, 2. President's Report, 3. Administration, 4. Public Comments, 5. Resolutions, 6. Conclusion

Documents will be available onsite. Advance copies will be available beginning Wednesday, February 15th at www.anacostiawaterfront.net or and in their office at 1100 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Suite 700.

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Adam Middleton, Ying Yu Chen, Brittni Goines, Kerelle Miles

7th graders receiving A's and B's

Gerald Alien, Michael Bailey, Demetrius Boone, Crystal Bulluck, Lonnell Butler, Cattalina Carzon, Tori Dagger, Jouella Fabe, Antonique Gerst, Fabian Givens, Adriane Hicks, Patrice Hughes, Erica Johns, Henry Liu, Nina Liu, Victoria McGee, Ke'Aira Mickle, Mariamawit Mikuria, Anh Nguyen, Trianna Overton, Niya Parks, Marcus Peasant, Michelle McIntosh-Peters, Elisa Rodriguez, Tiffany Symes, Brooke Thomas, Krystal Thomas, Duane Umstead, Jia Zhang

8th graders receiving straight A's

Jannel Alston, Marie Levy, Mychelle McCreary, Briana McRae, Courtney McIntosh-Peters, Amber Petty, Siera

Toney, Kirubel Yohannes

8th graders receiving A's and B's

Armando Arellano, Montaser Badawi, Jasmine Bennett, Pedro Bonilla, Roderic David, Samaria Evans, Menbere Haile, Nicolette Johnson, Joshua Little, Ashley Mayo, Jeanah McCall, Alejandra Rojas, Brandon Scott, Dawn Siler, Lashawn Sockwell, Charineen Stevenson, Rani-ka Wilder, Meng Qing Xie

9th graders receiving A's

and B's

Kristen Brown, Julio Carcamo, Tao Chen, Tyesha Elliott, Eulalia Gonzales, Mekedes Haile, Markeytta Harrison, Dominique Huertas, Yternity Hughley,

Amy Jalloh, Fasion Maxwell, Sadaya Murphy, Vincent Omekam, Jamila Pope, Aniya Wilson, HeBing Zhou, Hong Qian Zhu



9th grade Honor Students



7th grade Honor Students



7th grade students with parents at the Honor Assembly



8th grade Honor Students



9th graders with all "A's"



7th grade Honor Students

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Adopt-a-block

Six new Adopt-A-Block signs were recently installed along Seventh Street between the Southwest Freeway and Maine Avenue.

Seventh Street has been adopted by Washington Cable, which has been helping keep the area clean. The sign also says "Welcome to SW DC!" and shows the Southwest DC website www.swdc.org. The Adopt-A-Block program is part of the DC Clean City Initiative, Merrit Drucker, Coordinator.



These and dozen other artists of the Southwest Chamber Players performed four concerts observing Mozart's 250th anniversary



Local artist who displayed at the Tiber Island Apartments, 429 N Street



Watercolors by Beryl Rice in bottom row & on the left



Visitors enjoying the art. Come on over & enjoy before the end of February

Athletes at Wilson High School

Wilson High School students living in Near Southwest are active in athletics at the school. Playing forward/center on the 2006 varsity basketball team is Southwest's Radford Ferguson, 6'1 and 240 pounds, is a senior. On the junior varsity basketball team is Marco Brown, 5'9" sophomore guard.

SW has contributed four members to the 2005 varsity football team at Wilson: Donald Ferrell, 5'10 230 pound running back; Derrenzo Hines, 5'8, 247 pound offensive and defensive lineman; Owen Long, 6'2, 170 pound wide receiver; and Ibrahim Nduao, 5'9 163 pound wide receiver.

Nduao and Long are juniors and Ferrell and Hines are seniors.

Other Southwest students in sports include Jessica Alle, JV soccer; Durell Hart,



Three Wilson High varsity football players who are residents of Near Southwest pose in front of the athletic department trophy case in their game jerseys, (left to right) Owen Long, Donald Ferrell, Derrenzo Hines.

ski team; Jasmin Henderson, lacrosse; Cherre Jefferson, volleyball; Devin Kennedy, indoor track; and football wide receiver Ibrahim Ndaou who also uses his speed on the indoor track team.

Intramural basketball at noon has attracted Southwest Wilson students to

teams such as: **Action Squad** – Donald Ferrell; **Starting Lineup** – Darryl Green and Ricardo Keys; **The Future** – Durell Hart; **Action Squad** – Owen Long; **Strokers** – Babatunde Mmoh and Earl Waldron; **Team X** – Karl Pitts and Christopher Wynn; **Ballaz** – Devin Prophet and **Hot Boys** – Joel Ulmer.

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Promotion At King Greenleaf Recreation Center

By Jean Macdonald, Chair, YATF

Marcus Ellis, Site Manager for the King Greenleaf Recreation Center, has been promoted to Manager of all Ward 6 Recreation Centers. He will oversee Sherwood, Hine, Rosedale, Watkins, Payne and King Greenleaf centers. The Department of Parks and Recreation has recognized the abilities and dedication which Mr. Ellis has brought to the Southwest Center. He came to King Greenleaf in 2001 when the Rec Center was still in space rented from the D.C. Department of Housing, and oversaw the move into the newly built Center on 1st and N Streets, SW. The Center is so successful that it is filled with youth from after school until closing time. The Center helps SW young people to find safe and meaningful activities away from the streets. Mr. Ellis credits his staff for helping make this Center such a neighborhood attraction. Mr. Ellis, a native of the D.C. area, graduated from Bowie State University, worked with youth in his first job. He briefly left the field of recreation to become a paralegal, but found he really missed



Marcus Ellis

contact with "the kids" and joined the Department of Parks and Recreation. He said his passion is "to assist these youth to become any and everything that they would like to be." His hobbies include many sports and writing poetry. Mr. Oscar Taylor is replacing Mr. Ellis as acting site manager of the Rec Center.

The Youth Activities Task Force/SWNA, has been very supportive in helping Mr. Ellis, who expressed his thanks and said he has made lifelong friends here. He keeps reiterating that he has not left Southwest but has just added more youth to his job. He said "Southwest will always be #1 in my heart."

Sanitary Housing

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HS for some time as a librarian. By 1885 he was working as a draftsman and in 1886 began to display the title, Architect. More than 50 years of work titled him Dean of Architects and his activism in civic affairs earned him a Certificate of Distinction by the Central HS Alumni Association in 1942.

The "Origin of the Building Regulations" by Appleton P. Clark, Jr. states the terms and conditions for regulating the materials and manner of the buildings and improvements on the lots of the City of Washington as set forth by our founding father October 17, 1791. Well organized space, light, and air can be clearly seen in each of the SW Sanitary Housing Designs. CLARK went on to be the sole



Square 0547E 201 -217 P St

architect for all of the "Sanitary" housing built in SW (Only 4 of 8 blocks containing these designs remain).

Square 0651: Only a portion of the units built on this square remain, due to development on M St. and South Capital St.; **The 1200 block of Half St.** WSIC # 0289 & **Carrollsborg** WSIC # 4733 & 4907 and **7 N St.** WSIC # 4932 (the "Hole in the Wall" corner store). These 2 story row-houses were designed as flats (2 separate units). Every room has a window, allowing air & light (interior bathroom by way of "shaft window" and a skylight to accommodate the stairway). Gas light and coal for stove heat, cooking and hot water to the sinks and bathroom where both hot & cold water were provided and a water closet (indoor toilet). Ample storage was provided by closets in the hallways & rooms, including the kitchen (pantry). The kitchens were big enough for a table and chairs or a small dining space was provided in the design. The exterior doors had 4 lights (glass panes) at the top with the front door installed with a door bell and mail slot.

Square 0547E: 1410-1414, 3rd St., 1411-1415 Canal, 200-220 O St. and 201-217 P St. (entire block) WSHC Permit# 201606, 4/20/1937 Unlike their predecessor these "flats" share a common exterior entry door and shared exterior stairways from individual outside porches. My research indicates these structures were built to provide affordable housing opportunities for Whites (west of what was James Creek). Segregation by Area, within Southwest, was Alive and Well.

Square 0654: 1401-1415 Half St. WSIC Permit # 215349, 8/3/1938 and **34-38 O & 35-39 P St. (Tele Court)** was built in 1939. These were apartments built for Colored workers in need of affordable housing. These 10 buildings housed 56 apartments. The individual



The front of 1200 block of Half St. in the 1950's

buildings form a rear "courtyard" to house aspects of daily living. Concrete walkways in the rear yard create a park like area, perfect for "neighborly interaction." This was the east side of what was James Creek, "the Colored Area of Southwest".

Square 0546E: 221 O St. (Delaware Ave. corridor) WSIC Permit# 222993, 5/18/1939 is a single apartment building, marking "The End" of Sanitary Housing Construction in the District of Columbia. This was the last Sanitary Housing structure built within the District of Columbia. This once "monumental position" within the community (at what was an impressive vortex of streets) is now encroached upon by the disrespectful aggression of "development?"

Clark's impressive portfolio of architecture included an impressive list from the current District's historic registry.

Christian Heurich Mansion, 1307 New Hampshire Ave. NW; the 1914 addition

Second Baptist Church, 816 3rd Street NW; built in 1894

Homer Building, 601 13th Street NW; 1913-1914 (DC 6/8/1983) façade incorporated into New Building

Owl's Nest, 3031 Gates Road NW; built in 1897 (DC 4/26/2001)

1800 Block of Park Road (North Side of St.) 1892-1911 one of the notable group of architects who worked together producing this block in the Mount Pleasant Historic District. (DC 12/14/1977) and (NR listing 11-15-1978)

1644-66 Park Road NW built in 1906 (DC 3/21/1984) and (NR listing 11-6-1986 within Mount Pleasant HD)

Riggs National Bank 1503-05 Pennsylvania Avenue NW; addition 1922-1924 (DC 11/8/1964) and (NR 7-16-1973 within Fifteenth Street & Lafayette Square HD's)

Saint Phillip's Baptist Church 1001 North Capitol Street NE; built 1891-1892 (DC 6/27/1974)

Second National Bank 1331-33 G Street NW; built 1927-1928 (DC 2/21/1990) and (NR 12-29-1994)

724-26 9th Street NW built 1909 with addition in 1911, 1925 addition by Waddy B. Wood (DC 4/15/1992) *

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Watch Youth Basketball At King Greenleaf Rec

By Dale MacIver

Teams of players aged 13-15 from DC Recreation Centers are competing in a basketball league Tuesdays from 5:00 pm -8:00 pm at King Greenleaf Recreation Center, First and N St. S.W. Ward 6 Recreation Manager Marcus Ellis sends this invitation:

"The Dept. of Parks and Recreation Youth BB League is underway at King Greenleaf Center. Games are played on Tuesdays from the hours of 5:00-8:00 pm.

"Youth from the ages of 13-15 are playing at the center and there are several talented young men from throughout the city participating."

"The King Greenleaf Tigers have a talented group of young men representing the Southwest Community."

"Therefore, if you have some free time, come on out and root for the HOME TEAM! We've waited years to have a gymnasium in our neighborhood, so come out and cheer on our youth as they aim for the goal of a championship!"

MLK

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by two Georgia mules. Scores of national dignitaries, including Vice-President Hubert Humphrey, attended the funeral. CORE and the Fellowship of Reconciliation sent twenty-three dignitaries.

His Legacy

01/15 1970 - Atlanta's Ebenezer Baptist Church, the nearby crypt containing the remains of Martin Luther King, Jr., and his boyhood home are dedicated as part of a memorial to be known as the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Non-violent Change.

09/17 1973 - Illinois became the first state to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday as a holiday.

07/11 1977 - The Medal of Freedom was awarded posthumously to Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. in a White House ceremony.

01/13 1979 - A commemorative stamp of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was issued by the U.S. Postal Service as part of its Black Heritage USA commemorative series. The stamp of the slain civil rights



leader is the second in the series.

01/14 1979 - President Jimmy Carter proposed that Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday become a federal holiday.

10/19 1981 - The Martin Luther King, Jr. Library and Archives opened in Atlanta, Georgia. Founded by Coretta Scott King, the facility is the largest repository in the world of primary resource material on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., nine major civil rights organizations, and the American civil rights movement.

10/19 1983 - The U.S. Senate approved the establishment of the Martin Luther King, Jr. federal holiday on the third Monday in January.

11/02 1983 - President Ronald Reagan signed the bill to establish a federal holiday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday on the third Monday in January. It was the culmination of the efforts by many civil rights organizations and entertainers, including Stevie Wonder.

01/20 1986 - The United States observed the first federal holiday in honor of slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

sibilities for the 4th Street cut-through. This project will be designed by the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) and will include "traffic calming" measures to assure pedestrian and community safety. Funds are anticipated in the Fiscal 2007 DC Budget, which begins October 2006.

Question about the kinds of retail were raised as well as the fate of the four remaining establishments. David Smith stated that Waterfront Associates is committed to develop a site that will be second to none, and that over 50% of the commercial stores will be occupied by small businesses. Safeway has 17 years remaining in its lease and will continue to occupy the same space. CVS, Bank of America, and Senate Dry Cleaners may be relocated but the intention is to continue to provide services to the community throughout the construction period. The emphasis for the newly developed retail space is on providing services to the neighborhood. Waterfront Associates expects road construction to begin by the end of 2006. "

The SW Collaborative

A response by members of the Hill Havurah, a Jewish fellowship group that includes members from Southwest and Capitol Hill, recently raised \$1270 to help needy families at the Southwest Collaborative (SWWR).

SWWR is a network of social service agencies in Ward 6 which has been located at Syphax Gardens, 1501 Half St. SW for eight years. SWWR works with DC's child welfare agency and local nonprofit providers to keep many families from falling apart as a result of drugs, poverty, sickness, and child abuse and neglect.

Just before the holidays, Juanita Jones, a senior family support worker who has been with the organization for many

years, saw a real need for clothing and other essentials for children at the center. Desperate to find help, she called her former boss, Sigmund Cohen, to ask if he knew of a way to help.

Sig, immediately brought this to the attention of members of the Hill Havurah. Their response was terrific, and more than 24 children were helped so that they could enjoy new clothing and toys for Christmas. Juanita presented a certificate to Sig at the Havurah's January religious services.

If you have new clothing or toys to donate, contact Ms. Juanita Jones at 202-488-7997. Meanwhile, Juanita wants to thank her Havurah Angels.

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contracts go to local minority businesses. The Phase I site plan, presented to secure the initial PUD, was a general overview of the project without specific details of height, surfaces, setbacks, etc. The Metro station will remain in its present location with 4th Street swinging to the west of it and a 20,000 sq. ft. plaza on the east between it and Safeway. A more detailed Phase II PUD must be ready by November 2006 to comply with the PUD agreement. Waterfront Associates will present the detailed plan to the community in the fall. The current plan is to keep the two towers and have approximately 1400 parking spaces underground for commercial, residential, and shopping. The well-known and respected architect, Shalom Baranes, is still the architect of record for the project.

Waterfront Associates is working with the city to finalize the plans and respon-

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ment. In 1999, WIC received site approval from the National Capital Memorial Committee to place a monument along the L'Enfant Plaza corridor.

WIC will Kick-Off its 10 year anniversary celebration with **A Who's Who Salute to Dr. Dorothy Height**, a living icon and Chair Emerita of the **National Council of Negro Women**. The event will be held on **Friday, February 24, 2006** with a the **VIP Reception from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm** and the **Main Event** from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. The tickets, \$75 for the VIP cocktail party and \$100 for the main event can be purchased at the door. The gala will take place at **The Jefferson Hotel**, 1200 16th St., NW. Celebrity entertainment will be provided by Jazz legend, **Mr. Ron Hollo-way**; renowned singing phenomenon, **Ms. Tata Vega** [of **Color Purple** fame]; and **Mr. Al Johnson**. A host of surprise entertainment and other living legend social, civic and political luminaries will be on hand to fete Dr. Height for her legendary civic service. **WUSA9** Anchor, **Ms. Tracey Neale**, will serve as MC.

The special event is being Co-Chaired by former **Secretary of Labor**, **The Hon. Alexis Herman**; **DC Mayor**, **The Hon. Anthony Williams**; **Black Leadership Forum** President, **Dr. Joe Leonard**. Mem-

bers of the **Executive Committee** attending the event are notable luminaries such as **Ambassador Andrew Young**; **Dr. Lonnie Bunch**, Founding President of the **National Museum of African-American History**; MD Congressman, **The Hon. Elijah Cummings**; **Delta Sigma Theta** National Chair, **Dr. Louise Rice**; **National Museum of American History** Director, **Dr. Brent Glass**; **Leadership Conference on Civil Rights** Pres., **Mr. Wade Henderson, Esq.**; **AfriCare** Founder, **Dr. C. Payne Lucas**; **SCLC** Co-Founders, **Rev. Joseph Lowery**; **Rev. Walter Fauntroy**; et al. The **Silent Auction** features artist, **Mr. Jonathan Green**. Women are encouraged to wear hats.

Celebrating America's Grande Dame Matriarchs: A Who's Who Salute to Dr. Dorothy Height will pay homage to the more than 70 years of service Dr. Height has tendered to America and Africa in helping to ameliorate undesirable social conditions and overall social and civic injustice. After the event WIC will return to the process of working on getting a monument to honor Banneker. Currently WIC is concentrating on meeting the final major step of securing design approval from the U.S. Fine Arts Commission. If you would like to help achieve this goal, send checks to The Washington Interdependence Council, 2020 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Wash., DC 20006. For more information, call Peggy Seats at 202/387-3380

Southeastern University News

Open House

Southeastern University is planning a community open house on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 24th and 25th. The open house will focus on individual noncredit courses such as art; sign language, Microsoft applications, etc. For more information, call Tracey L. Prince, Director of the Office of Human Resources, at (202) 478-8213, x252

Center for Entrepreneurship

The Center for Entrepreneurship was formally launched at Southeastern University's 125th Anniversary Gala on October 13,

2004, which featured Russell Simmons, Co-founder of Def Jam Records, as guest speaker. The Center offers a distinctive business training experience for current and aspiring business owners and transformational professionals. All of the Center's programs are targeted and designed for those who are interested in building the capacity and revenue of their businesses and nonprofits.

One of the many problems that small businesses face is the inability to successfully compete for government contracting dollars, due to a lack of capacity and marketing. Often, they receive a minority certification and do not move further down the contracting path. The Center for Entrepreneurship seeks to address this issue through a training program specifically designed to address the contracting issues many of these small businesses face. The Center held two events on the subject of "Training for Local, Disadvantaged Business Enterprises" Feb. 1 and Feb. 16th



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Southwester Night at the Arena Stage

By Salima Appiah-Kubi, Arena Media Relations Intern

On the Friday night of its opening weekend, the Arena Stage production, *Awake and Sing*, opened to a packed house—of the theatre's neighbors. That evening The Kreeger Theatre was full for Southwest Night. This program brings the people who live and work in Southwest to Arena Stage; providing a night of quality theatre for the whole community.

Since the Fall of 2004, Arena Stage has set aside one Friday evening performance for those who live and/or work in this area. Participants in Southwest Night area can purchase up to four tickets for \$10 each. All that is necessary is proof of SW employment or SW residency at the time of purchase.

The remaining Southwest Nights for

this season are:

The Rainmaker

Friday, March 10, 8:00 p.m.

Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grill

Friday, April 7, 8:00 p.m.

and *On the Verge or the Geography of Yearning*

Friday, May 12, 8:00 p.m.

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"The Old Southwest" Surveyed

By Meg Brinckman

On January 24, students of the University of Maryland 2005 Historic Preservation graduate course presented the results of a semester-long study of "Old Southwest." The presentation was held in the Syphax Community Room, which itself has historic status. The students identified 21 additional "historic resources" in the area bounded by M street on the north, South Capitol on the east, Anacostia River on the south, 2nd and Canal Streets on the west. The historic resources range from an 1892 row house in the 1300 block of South Capitol SW to the 1944 Jas. T. Warren Building at 1319/1321 South Capitol St, SW. Most buildings identified as historical buildings are located north of Q Street; one exemption is the old PEPCO Power Plant on Half Street. The preservation of these structures in this unique quadrant of the District can benefit the Southwest community, as well as the city at large.

The major tools of the survey were deeds, building permits, plans, maps and photographs. Books, newspapers, and journal articles provided additional information. The Faculty Advisor, Mary Kon-

soulis, made the distinction between this type of study and a social history, which would delve into the life of the community.

The recommendations to the community stressed the need to create awareness of the rich resources and complex past of this area. The students feel that involvement of local individuals and organizations already researching SW history is important. Interest in local history can lead to community groups utilizing various regulations and incentives such as Special Planning Areas, overlay districts and other zoning mechanisms that can protect a neighborhood. They noted that Southwest is and will be impacted by development that could threaten historic sites. Their final recommendation was designation of the residential area as a Historic District to provide the most protection for the historic structures and provide eligibility for a variety of financial arrangements to maintain and rehabilitate the buildings.

Copies of the Study will be available at the SW Library, the MLK Library and eventually on the internet. For further information, contact Hayden Wetzel, DC Preservation League, (202) 526-5986, haydenwetzel@hotmail.com.

Listening to Our Ancestors

By Maurice Boyd

If you haven't gone to this exhibit at the American Indian Museum at 4th St. and Independence Av., SW, try to see it. It will be there until January 2, 2007. While there, make sure that you are hungry. There is a wonderful cafeteria with Native American food from all over. Eating there is definitely a treat.

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Southwest Neighborhood Association, SWNA General Meeting – Jan. 23

By Meg Brinckman, Secretary, SWNA

Thelma Jones, Chair of the Nomination Committee, announced the candidates running for SWNA Board Offices. The election will be held on Saturday, March 26, 2006 at Waterfront Mall, in the space outside the former liquor store from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Kathy Dietrich is Election Chairman; the League of Women Voters will manage the election process.

Candidates for Board positions are:

President - Marge Maceda, Vice President - Tom Heinemann, Treasurer - Ellen Winship

Secretary – Meg Brinckman

District 1 - Perry Klein, Lida Churchville, Charles Hick (unconfirmed) District 2 - Ron McBee, Patricia Patterson, Wanda White (unconfirmed) District 3 - No confirmed candidates District 4 - Vanessa Ruffin, Ken LaCruise

Lea Adams, Marina View Towers Tenant Association President, outlined the plans that have been presented to the tenants by Fairfield Properties and expressed her personal desire that the rights of the tenants who have made their homes at Marina View be considered. Lea noted issues they were having with the developer and will provide a list of their requests that they have made to the developer. Graham Brock of Fairfield Properties and Phil Essocoff, Architect, presented the plans for renovation and preservation of the original I. M. Pei buildings and the gardens designed by Zion & Breen Associates with the addition of two larger, high-rise condominium buildings on the existing parking lots. Such changes will require a PUD, Planned Unit Development. Fairfield Properties plans to have Zion, Breen & Richardson restore the gardens and landscape the property. Plans will be presented to the community as the project develops.

Lea Adams will provide the SWNA Board a copy of their request s of Fairfield Properties that were presented at the ANC meeting.

Ateya Ball-Lacy, founder of the Edra Derricks School Readiness Learning Academy Founder founder described her unique program for readying students for academic success. The preschool is located in Channel Square.

Town Center East Tenant Association Cecilia Daly and the Vice-President reported the success of their two-year process that has led to the transference of the land by the Redevelopment Land Agency Revitalization Corporation (RLARC), a subsidiary of National Capitol Redevelopment Corporation (NCRC), which allows plans to redevelop Town Center by their development partner (Park Inn Associates) to move forward.

The remaining tenants have all been relocated to the north building. The South building will be renovated and converted to condominiums. Tenants will be able to buy apartments below market rate or continue to rent. The remaining units will be sold at market rates with a requirement that 20% of these units are "affordable."

The Waterside Towers Residents Association President, Pearl Perry, outlined the residents' difficulty obtaining information about the 2003 sale of the property. The association is currently in litigation and is attempting to untangle issues around the sale and current ownership. At present a "cease and desist" order is in effect against the management who was attempting to remove residents' property from a storage room. Sullivan Robinson remarked that the sale of Waterside Towers preceded the changes in the "Tenants Right to First Refusal" law. The loophole in the law, often called "95-5", allowed owners to sell up to 99.99% of a building, retaining a small interest, and thereby avoiding giving renters "First Refusal" rights and a chance to organize to buy the building themselves. A change was made by the DC City Council in October 2005, but this process remains difficult for tenants to accomplish in the 90 day period stipulated in the new law.

Connie Miles, president of the 325 Tenant Association (Channel Square) and resident since 1969, reported the difficulties the tenants are having with building maintenance and asked for advice and help from other Tenant Association officers.

The National Capital Revitalization Corporation (NCRC), Waterfront Associates, Jennifer Burdoff, Senior Development Manager at National Capital Revitalization Corporation (NCRC), David Smith, Project Manager with Forest City, and Gordon Fraley with Kaempfer, presented the history to date of efforts to redevelop Waterside Mall. Waterfront Associates, formed by Forest City, Kaempfer and Bressler & Reiner, saw the possibilities in 2001 before Southwest became a desirable area for redevelopment. They presented to the community a plan for 1.6 million sq. ft. of office space, 70,000 sq. ft. of ground level retail and 400,000 sq. ft. of residential space.

A later revision for Fannie Mae, as a main tenant, increased the office space to 2 million sq. ft., 75,000 sq. ft. of retail, and a 400,000 sq. ft. residential component to be built in the last phase of the project. In November 2003, Fannie Mae signed a non-binding letter of intent to occupy 60% of the project and to redesign the site to their needs. The letter of intent was withdrawn January, 19, 2005, leaving Waterfront Associates to seek a major tenant or other ways to develop the property.

The major change that now makes it possible for the project to move forward is an agreement between Waterfront Associates and NCRC/RLARC to buy out the 75-year lease remaining on the property in exchange for 20% of the ground at the Waterfront Mall site. RLARC will retain the northeast corner of the property for future development into 400,000 sq. ft. of residential use.

The parcel is valued at \$18-24 million at current prices. This exceeds the value of the existing lease, which is set at \$20,000 per year. "

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tia River. This connection can be made either physically, i.e. bringing children out on the river to teach them to sail or through programs that raise awareness of the Anacostia River and its historical information.

Organizations eligible to submit must demonstrate that they are in good standing with the government of the District of Columbia, the Corporation, and the Trust, must be in operation for at least one year prior to applying for the grant and must be able to prove their 501(c)(3) status and incorporations. Applications may be picked up at the AWI office listed below.

The Trust and the Corporation will award a number of grants with the maximum award at \$25,000 and the minimum at \$1,500

Please submit five (5) proposals to Anacostia Waterfront Corporation by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 2006. Questions, call 202/724-4462

Electronic or faxed submissions will not be accepted. Either mail or deliver responses to:

Anacostia Waterfront Corporation
Attn.: Melissa McKnight
1100 New Jersey Ave., SE
Suite 700
Washington, DC 20003

Late applications will not be accepted. Decision will be announced on May 1, 2006

Youth Corps

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Year sites located across the country. It provides critically needed services to some of DC's most underserved children and youth.

Their main work with Amidon has been providing their substance abuse prevention curriculum. For the past several years, corps members have delivered an 8-week substance abuse prevention curriculum to 4th and 5th grade students at Amidon. Their relationship with Bowen has been growing so that hopefully soon they will provide their substance abuse prevention curriculum to Bowen students as well. On December 10, they held a service project at Bowen that engaged 75 community volunteers in painting and revitalizing the school. Projects included planting trees throughout the school grounds, painting six murals throughout the interior and exterior of the school, and creating an inviting "book nook" where students can read books in a positive, bright environment.

The 17-to-24-year-old men and women

who serve in the program deliver substance abuse and HIV/AIDS prevention education, provide literacy tutoring and academic support, organize and implement leadership development opportunities for middle school students, and engage children and adults in community service projects to renovate schools, community centers, and homeless shelters.

This year, the **55** City Year corps members serving in Washington, DC will provide more than **100,000** hours of service to the DC community, work with more than **7,800** children, and engage more than 1,000 adults in volunteer community renovation projects.

If you would like to volunteer on one of their special projects, their next Special Project Day is Saturday, March 11. Volunteers of all ages are invited. Other dates are all on Saturday and they are April 22nd, May 13th, and June 3rd.

If you are a HS student who is at least 17 years old and are interested in learning more about how you can become a member of City Year with its living stipend, health and childcare, metro pass and a \$4,725 scholarship, call Rachel Hodges at 202/742-7367

7th Anniversary – Jazz at Westminster

By Maurice Boyd

On each Friday, for the past seven years Westminster Church, 4th I St.s, as hosted Jazz Night, which draws folks from nearby and distant places.

On the Anniversary Celebration, a quartet consisting of piano, bass, drums, and tenor sax rocked the building, which was nearly filled to capacity.

Upcoming will be such attractions as pianist Vince Evans, Sharon Clark, vocals, Thad Wilson, trumpet, Y.C. Laws, flute and bass clarinet. An extra bonus is the delicious food which you can buy downstairs at the church.



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